

**ABSTRACT**

Compositions and methods for the treatment of ophthalmic disorders, particularly preservation of corneal explants and prevention of corneal allograft rejection.

- 5 These compositions comprise oligonucleotides which are specifically hybridizable with nucleic acids encoding the cellular adhesion molecules intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1), vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1) and endothelial leukocyte adhesion molecule-1 (ELAM-1).